

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 97-8-25**

Date Prepared: August 21, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: August 25, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: August 25, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Eligible Carrier/Service Area Designations - Discuss making eligible carrier and service area designations for federal universal service fund purposes (8/26/97)
2. Cost Model for Universal Service - Discuss initiating a proceeding to determine an appropriate cost model/methodology for universal service purposes (8/26/97)
3. Rulemaking on Licensing, Other Potential Issues - Begin discussion on need for rulemaking and preliminary procedures on licensing, as well as forecasting other rulemaking needs (8/26/97)
4. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY - Docket N97.8.146 (Vicki)

On August 8, 1997, Sprint filed changes to its price list. The changes include: 1. Change the Time-of-Day sensitive rates per minute for their Foncard to non-sensitive Time-of-Day rates, resulting in a rate increase. 2. Revise the Per Call surcharge for Foncard Option B. 3. Decrease the rate per minute for the Stand-Alone Foncard. 4. Add a Per Call surcharge to the Stand-Alone Foncard. 5. Decrease the Per Call Payphone Service Charge.

2. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION - Docket N97.8.144 (Vicki)

On August 7, 1997, MCI filed tariff pages to change the deferral to MCI's FCC tariff for Advanced Option 1 to a state specific rate.

3. PTI COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.8.150 (Kate)

On August 13, 1997, PTI proposed to extend through September 30, 1997, a residential second-line promotion waiving the non-recurring charge that was originally approved through August 22.

4. Citizens Communications Docket N97.8.149 (Bonnie)

On August 12, 1997, Citizens Communications filed revised tariff pages to the Montana Access Service Tariff, pursuant to Order 5988, Docket D97.3.48. The filing introduces the terms, conditions, and rates of the presubscription for intraLATA and interLATA equal access 1+ dialing.

5. MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. - Docket D97.8.138 (Eric)

On August 4, 1997, MDU filed an application seeking authority to issue up to \$40,000,000 of short-term debt, at any one time, in the form of promissory notes pursuant to a revolving credit agreement. The term of the new revolving credit agreement will be five years. The proceeds will be used to partially finance general corporate needs. A Default Order has been drafted.

6. MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. - Docket D97.8.139 (Eric)

On August 4, 1997, MDU filed an application seeking authority to issue not to exceed \$45,000,000 of (1) one or more series of its first mortgage bonds, (2) secured medium term notes, and/or (3) senior notes secured by MDU's first mortgage bonds. The proceeds will be used to partially finance general corporate needs. A Default Order has been drafted.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. PTI COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.8.156 (Kate)

On August 19, 1997, PTI filed revisions to its ISDN tariff. PTI proposes to rename its two types of ISDN service and to eliminate the excess usage charge of 15 cents per minute after 150,000 minutes for Primary Rate Interface ISDN.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket N97.8.151 (Bonnie)

On August 15, 1997, US WEST Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 97-28, introducing InterNet Listing options (E-Mail and URL Address Listings) to Directory Listing Services, Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket N97.8.152 (Bonnie)

On August 15, 1997, US WEST Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 97-29, introducing National Directory Assistance Service. This is a service by which a local USWC customer can obtain telephone numbers for any location within the US by dialing the local directory assistance number.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-9-2**

Docket N97.8.156 PTI COMMUNICATIONS (Kate)  
Docket N97.8.151 US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Bonnie)  
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**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N97.8.151 USWC - Addition of Internet Listing to Directory Listing Services  
N97.8.152 USWC - Intro of National Directory Assistance Service  
N97.8.153 MP Energy, Inc. - App for License to Supply Natural Gas to Retail Customers in the State of Montana  
N97.8.154 MP Energy, Inc. - App for License to Supply Electricity to Retail Customers in the State of Montana  
N97.8.155 MPC - Tariff Sheets Reflecting Changes to Rule No. 8-5, Voltages  
N97.8.156 Pacific Telecom, Inc. - Changes to the ISDN Service Offering